

POSTGRADUATE YEAR ONE

# Pharmacy Residency Program



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Dear Residency Applicant,

We appreciate your sincere interest in the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHCS) Pharmacy Residency Program. We are delighted you are considering our program to enhance your professional career. In this pamphlet, you will find beneficial information about our medical center, pharmacy preceptors, clinical practice experiences, and our residency program application process.

At VA Loma Linda, we take pride in serving those who serve and protect our country, and we are dedicated to providing them with the best patient care possible. Pharmacy services at VA Loma Linda have made significant progress in health care delivery for our veterans. Our pharmacists serve as crucial members to the healthcare team and the demand for clinical pharmacy services is ever increasing. New opportunities for clinical pharmacy providers are continually being established, and we are excited that you would like to be a part of our program.

Pharmacy residents are also essential members to our team as they provide patient-centered care and education to our patients, students, and staff. We offer exceptional clinical training and an excellent pharmacy practice curriculum for our pharmacy residents to develop their skills and become highly competent and confident health care providers.

Thank you for considering the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program. We strongly encourage you to consider our program. We wish you the best on your important decision and future endeavors.



**Kenneth Wong, Pharm.D., CGP**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Director

## The Training Site

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is part of the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network, providing services to Veterans in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Opened in 1977, this modern facility fulfills the agency's threefold mission of patient care, research and teaching. It is located in San Bernardino County ~60 miles east of Los Angeles, about an hour's drive to beaches, mountains, and desert resorts, and only minutes from its major affiliate, Loma Linda University. The Medical Center is named in the memory of Congressman Jerry L. Pettis, who worked diligently to locate the facility in Loma Linda. The Medical Center provides a wide variety of services through inpatient, outpatient and home care programs. The major bed services are Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, and Neurology. The facility has 156 acute care beds and 108 Community Living Center beds. The Medical Center, in partnership with its affiliate Loma Linda University Medical Center and Loma Linda University Health Care, provide primary care at VA Community Based Clinics located in Victorville, Murrieta, Corona, Rancho Cucamonga, and Palm Desert.

## Purpose

The Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is designed to provide a comprehensive educational and practical experience intended to introduce the resident to all phases of pharmacy practice. Pharmacists completing the program will be competent to provide direct pharmaceutical care including prescribing and managing drug therapies. An exposure to a wide variety of health care specialty areas will ensure a marketable result with additional experience in education and professional development. Residents will demonstrate professional maturity by developing a personal philosophy of practice excellence, effective management of time, projects, interpersonal relationships and a commitment to professional competency.

## Residency Training Program and Pharmacy Service

The training and education of residents are important components of the VALLHCS Pharmacy Service. The services provided by the resident will complement existing clinical pharmaceutical care. The resident will be directly involved in and have responsibility for providing patient oriented pharmaceutical services. The resident will also actively participate in other pharmacy operations including management and assigned projects. Furthermore, the resident will develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent, clinical practitioner.

### Required Rotations (five 6-week rotations)

- ❖ Acute Care Internal Medicine
- ❖ Critical Care Cardiology
- ❖ Ambulatory Care
  - Group Medical Appointments
  - Geriatric Outpatient Clinic
  - General Internal Medicine
- ❖ Geriatric/ Long Term Care (Community Living Center)
- ❖ Subspecialty Clinic
  - Non-formulary/ Prior authorization management
  - Cholesterol Clinic

### Longitudinal Rotations (year-round as assigned)

- ❖ Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) – one day per week

### **Elective Rotations** (two 6-week rotations)

- ❖ Anticoagulation Clinic
- ❖ Health Information Technology
- ❖ Infectious Disease/ HIV
- ❖ Inpatient\*/ Outpatient Oncology
- ❖ Medicine ICU/ Surgical ICU/ Nutritional Support
- ❖ Pediatrics\*
- ❖ Pharmacy Academia\*
- ❖ Psychiatry

\*Available through Loma Linda University

In addition, several ongoing activities throughout the year require resident participation and contribute to resident development. These include:

- Research project
  - Background preparation, protocol, design, IRB, data collection and analysis
  - Presentation at Western States Conference (WSC) or VISN 22 Conference
  - Poster presentation at a professional meeting
  - Manuscript submission to a professional journal
- Journal Club – participation and/or presentation
- Disease State Presentation – participation and/or presentation
- Adverse Drug Reaction reporting
- Multidisciplinary committee participation
- Non-formulary and prior authorization consultations
- Drug summaries
- Student preceptorship and training
- Criteria for use, patient newsletters, bulletins
- Code Blue Team
- Weekend Inpatient Staffing (one weekend day every other weekend)

### **Benefits**

- Participation in Skills Development Series
- Salary: \$45,778
- Health/ Life Insurance
- Authorized Absence to attend the following professional meetings:
  - ASHP Midyear
  - CSHP Annual Seminar
  - Western States Conference
- Thirteen (13) days annual leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Thirteen (13) days sick leave accrued (4 hours every two weeks)
- Ten (10) paid holidays
- Centralized office work space with access to a personal computer
- Uniform allotment and laundry service
- Free Parking

## Licensure

The pharmacy resident is required to obtain a pharmacist license in one of the States of the United States. The pharmacy resident will be licensed upon entry into the program or at the earliest possible date. The applicant is highly encouraged to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the California or Multistate Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE or MPJE) prior to entering the residency program (July 1st) and must be licensed in any state by October 1st.

## Applicant Qualifications

- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy, or a B.S. or M.S. degree and equivalent training or experience.
- Be eligible for licensure to practice pharmacy in any state
- Have United States citizenship with proof of naturalization if naturalized
- Participate in the ASHP Residency Matching Program
- Complete a professional curriculum, which includes significant clinical clerkship experience.

## Application Procedure (Submit to PHORCAS)

- VA Application for Health Professions Trainees (Form # 10-2850C) (submit to PHORCAS under "Supplemental Documents")
- Curriculum Vitae
- OFFICIAL school of pharmacy transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent indicating career goals and objectives for seeking a residency

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the submitted application. Applicants will be ranked for selection based on qualifications and a personal interview. Four positions are available beginning July 1st.

Please go online to the following website to access application materials:

[http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical\\_training/pharmacy/Pharmacy\\_Residency\\_Program.asp](http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical_training/pharmacy/Pharmacy_Residency_Program.asp)

All required application materials for the 2014-2015 residency program must be submitted to PHORCAS by **Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact:

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## Pharmacy Preceptors



**Dr. Kenneth Wong** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy. Following graduation, he completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice with an emphasis in Primary Care at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. Dr. Kenneth Wong currently is the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Operations Supervisor and is the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Director. He has been instrumental in fostering clinical pharmacy programs for primary care including group medical appointments, geriatric clinic, intensive diabetes management , and hypertension clinic. Dr. Wong helped initiate the Pharmacist-Managed Lipid Optimization Clinic at the VA Loma Linda facility. He is a member of CSHP and ASHP and holds academic appointments with UOP, Western University, and USC Schools of Pharmacy. Dr. Wong is a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist. Areas of interest include hyperlipidemia, ambulatory care practice, and geriatric pharmacy.



**Dr. Christine Miller** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy in 2001. Following graduation, Dr. Miller completed a primary care residency at the North Florida/South Georgia VA. She currently works as a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model and is the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency Program Coordinator. She provides disease management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Dr. Miller is an active member of CSHP/ ASHP and is interested in student and resident development. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and camping.



**Dr. Zenaida Capua-Currie** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California in 1983 and is the Inpatient Pharmacy Clinical Supervisor. Following graduation, Dr. Capua-Currie completed a Clinical Pharmacy Practice Residency at UCSD, and a Cardiology Fellowship at Jewish Hospital St. Louis. She has worked in Pediatrics, Oncology, Cardiology, Hospital Pharmacy Management, and many other areas of pharmacy. Dr. Capua-Currie currently oversees the Acute Care Clinical Pharmacy Services, Research Pharmacy Satellite, Oncology Pharmacy Satellite, Community Living Center, Anti-Microbial Stewardship Program, Hepatitis C clinic, and Academic Detail. She currently holds academic appointments at Loma Linda University. She has an interest in student/resident development, and loves to tend to her garden and read in her free time.



**Dr. Nhu Nguyen** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2006. Following graduation, she completed a Practice Residency at VALL. Dr. Nguyen holds a BCACP certification and is an active member of ACCP and ASHP. She currently manages the Cholesterol Clinic, is a Bariatric Surgery pharmacist, and works in the Specialty Clinic. Dr. Nguyen spends her free time with her daughters and focuses on being the best mom she can be.



**Dr. Ranya Alwan** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of the Pacific, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy in 2002. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Primary Care at the VA West Los Angeles and USC School of Pharmacy. Prior to working at VA Loma Linda, Dr. Alwan worked as a Walgreens community pharmacist, Northridge Hospital inpatient clinical pharmacist, VA WLA Sepulveda Division ambulatory care clinical pharmacist, and a Kaiser Permanente Fontana drug education coordinator. At VA Loma Linda, she is currently an ambulatory care pharmacist, as well as the lead pharmacist in the education innovation program that promotes and supports the inter-professional training of medical residents, pharmacy residents, and clinical psychology post-doctoral fellows. Dr. Alwan's interests include developing resident driven education programs and transgender care. In her spare time, she loves to exercise (Olympic style weightlifting, functional strength training, aerobic activity), cook and create new recipes, and to travel.



**Dr. Emily Ishikawa** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California San Francisco, School of Pharmacy in 2001. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. She is currently the Geriatric Program Manager, where she oversees policies related to Long Term Care, and is involved with clinical duties including drug regimen reviews, antimicrobial monitoring, pain and diabetes management. Dr. Ishikawa is also an Assistant Clinical Professor in Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science at Loma Linda University, a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, and a Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). Her areas of interest include precepting students and residents in addition to research. In her free time, she enjoys photography, hiking, and traveling.



**Dr. Daniel Patuszynski** received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2003. Following graduation, he completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in ambulatory care at the VA Loma Linda Medical Center. His past experience includes inpatient pharmacy, drug information, and critical care. Currently, Dr. Patuszynski is a cardiac critical care pharmacist and his activities involve optimizing medication regimens for cardiac patients, adjusting anticoagulants per protocol, and processing orders during rounds to increase efficiency of medication delivery to patients. His pharmacy interest lies in student and resident development. Dr. Patuszynski's hobbies include running, biking, hiking, and traveling.



**Dr. Walter Crumpler** received his Doctor of Pharmacy from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2009. Following graduation, he completed his Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Crumpler is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider, managing novel anticoagulants, warfarin, outpatient LMWH/fondaparinux, graduated compression stockings, and the peri-operative management of anticoagulants. He enjoys baseball, football, and reading.



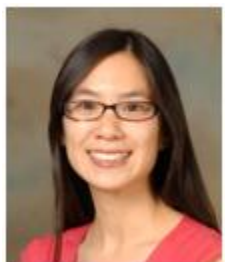
**Dr. Shamshad Muscati** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University of Health Sciences in 2002. Following graduation, she completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at VA Long Beach. She has worked in internal medicine in the past, but is currently an ambulatory care geriatric pharmacist at the VALLHCS geriatric clinic where she deals with geriatric syndromes such as different types of dementias and polypharmacy. Being a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, she also is an active member of ASCP. She has served on the Residency Advisory Board and has a great interest in developing pharmacy residents and students. Dr. Muscati also serves on the Education Board Committee and the Dementia Steering Committee. She is passionate about raising her 3 wonderful children, reading, volunteering with various organizations and health fairs in the Greater Los Angeles area, and has worked to increase awareness of dementia in her local community.



**Dr. Grace Ly** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco in 2002. Following graduation, she practiced clinical pharmacy at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. She then became a Clinical Coordinator at Riverside County Regional Medical Center where she practiced as the Critical Care Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Ly is currently an inpatient Clinical Pharmacist here at VA Loma Linda and a Clinical preceptor for the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. She enjoys trying new food, traveling and shopping in her spare time.



**Dr. Sevana Ghazarian** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Western University College of Pharmacy in 2010. Following graduation, she completed a residency in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Loma Linda. Dr. Ghazarian is currently working as a Surgical Services/ SICU Clinical Pharmacist. She is interested in research and critical care, and is an active member of CSHP and ASHP. Dr. Ghazarian holds appointments with Western University and precepts students throughout the year. When she's not working, she enjoys traveling.



**Dr. Jennifer Patuszynski** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences in 2003. Following graduation, she completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency with an emphasis in Ambulatory Care at VA Chicago Healthcare System. Dr. Patuszynski is currently a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist within the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. On a comprehensive team with doctors and nurses, she specializes in medication therapy management in diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Her area of interest is in Student/Resident developments. In her free time, Dr. Patuszynski enjoys trying new foods and restaurants, attending rockin' concerts, learning new languages and traveling within the country or overseas. She is also beginning to learn piano at this time.





**Dr. Monica Yee** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University Of Southern California School Of Pharmacy in 2009. Following graduation, she completed a residency program in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Greater Los Angeles. Upon completion of her residency program, Dr. Yee worked as an Inpatient Behavioral Medicine Pharmacist at Silver Lake Medical Center, Inglewood Campus. She is currently an Academic Detailer for Mental Health Initiatives, VISN 22 and is an active member of CSHP, ASHP, and CPNP. Dr. Yee's areas of interest include a research focus for residents.



**Dr. Linh Chan** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University Of Southern California School Of Pharmacy in 2004. Following graduation, she completed a residency program in Pharmacy Practice at the VA Long Beach. Dr. Chan is now the Anticoagulation Program Manager where she has co-authored the Anticoagulation Therapy Management policy for our facility, as well as implemented anticoagulation services through tele-health. Dr. Chan is currently in the process of submitting a manuscript about novel oral anticoagulants to a reputable pharmacy journal. She enjoys spending quality time with her husband and two children.



**Dr. Richard Cranston** received his Masters of Science from the University of Connecticut in 1972. Following graduation, he completed a 2-year combined residency in general hospital practice at the Ohio State University Hospital. Dr. Cranston has worked in formulary management, specialty pharmacy, and management before becoming the clinical pharmacist for behavioral health here at VA Loma Linda. Dr. Cranston currently serves on the clozapine therapy team, while precepting students and residents. He is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University, an adjunct professor at UOP an adjunct assistant professor at USC, and is a clinical assistant professor at Western University. His areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy practice, and in his free time, Dr. Cranston enjoys bowling, traveling, and watching sports.



**Dr. Bosun Chung** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Loma Linda University in 2007. Following graduation, she completed a PGY-1 general practice residency with an emphasis in psychiatry from USC. Dr. Chung also completed a PGY-2 residency in Psychiatry at USC. After completing her residency training, Dr. Chung worked at VA West Los Angeles in outpatient behavioral health. Dr. Chung currently works as an inpatient clinical pharmacist at VA Loma Linda in the inpatient behavioral health unit. She is currently working on becoming Board Certified in Psychiatry Pharmacy and is an active member of CNPN. Her areas of interest include psychiatric pharmacy and teaching residents/students. In her free time, Dr. Chung enjoys spending time with her family and traveling.



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**Dr. Alice Hsu** is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist who received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy in 2003. She completed a post graduate ambulatory care residency with an emphasis in managed care at the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy Baltimore. After completion of her residency, she worked as a clinical inpatient pharmacist at Kindred Hospital. Currently, Dr. Hsu works as a primary care clinical pharmacist specialist in the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. She provides disease management and therapy optimization for diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia and smoking cessation. She has a special interest in resident/student development. In her free time, Dr. Hsu enjoys traveling and going to musicals, plays, concert, gallery openings, and museums.

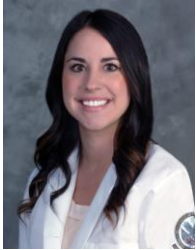


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**Dr. Rina Yong** received her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California in 1994. Following graduation, she completed her Clinical Pharmacy Practice Residency at Kaiser Permanente in West Los Angeles. Dr. Yong's past experience includes inpatient, home health, medication safety, and ambulatory care. She has also been a clinical coordinator in the private sector, HMO, and the VA. Currently Dr. Yong is the Research and GI Clinical Pharmacy Specialist where she oversees research operations and ensures proper documentation in order to ensure that compliance and regulatory needs are met. In addition, she manages patients treated for Hepatitis C. Dr. Yong is Board Certified in pharmacotherapy and her interest includes HIV, infectious disease, and hepatitis C. Her hobbies include exercise (yoga, Core Fusion), art, and eating cheap, but satisfying food!

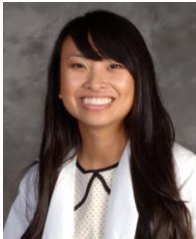
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### Pharmacy Residents



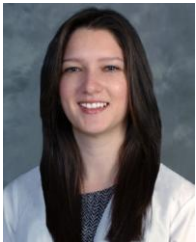
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